

Cumberland Blues

Grateful Dead (Hunter, Garcia) V

I can't stay much longer, Melinda, the sun is getting high, G
 I can't help you with your troubles if you won't help with mine. G
 __I gotta get down, __I gotta get down F# Bb B
 __I gotta get down to the mine. Bb A Ab G

You keep me up just one more night, I can't sleep here no more. G
Little Ben clock says quarter 'til eight, you kept me up 'til four G
 __I gotta get down, __I gotta get down F# Bb B
 __or I can't work there no more. Bb A Ab G

Lotta poor man make a five dollar bill, keep him happy all the time. G
Some other fella's makin' nothin' at all and you can hear him cry, G
 "Can I go buddy, can I go down, take your shift at the mine?" C D

Gotta get down to the Cumberland mine C
 Gotta get down to the Cumberland mine F C
That's where I mainly spend my time __ F C
Make good money, five dollars a day, C
Made any more I might move away. F C (Am7 C7 Em G)

__Lotta poor man got the Cumberland blues, G C G
 __He can't win for losin', C
 __Lotta poor man got to walk the line C G
 __ just to pay his union dues, A D
 __I don't know now, __I just don't know, C D
 __if I'm goin' back again. G C

Repeat last 2 lines X 2